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TO GUIDE POST IN PRESENTING THOUGHTFUL RECOMMENDATION OF
JAPAN SCHOLAR TO ATTEND SYMPOSIUM, CAN YOU ADVISE:

(A) IF ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE WILL BE USED? IF SO, THIS
WOULD ELIMINATE JAPAN SCHOLARS ON AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE ENGLISH ADEQUATELY AND
WOULD NEED INTERPRETER.

(B) WOULD JAPAN SCHOLAR BE EXPECTED TO PREPARE PAPER
BEFOREHAND OR ONLY JOIN IN DISCUSSION? SOME SCHOLARS
KNOWN FOR EXCELLENCE OF WRITTEN WORK BUT MAY NOT BE
INCLINED TO SPEAK OUT AT MEETINGS, AND VICE VERSA.
WHICH KIND IS PREFERRED?

(C) DOES LIBRARY PREFER TO STICK CLOSELY TO AMERICAN
STUDIES FIELD AND TO SPECIALISTS IN U.S. HISTORY AND
REVOLUTION, OR WOULD SUGGESTIONS OF BROADER SCHOLARS
CAPABLE OF COMMENTING ON IMPACT OF REVOLUTION ON JAPAN
SOCIETY BE USEFUL?

(D) WHICH AMERICAN SCHOLARS MAY BE INVOLVED, A FACTOR WHICH
MAY HELP IN IDENTIFYING MOST APPROPRIATE COUNTERPARTS?

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